GARDEN PLANTS

Bleeding Heart (see *Dicentra spectabilis*)

Capsicum species

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Common Names:  Red Pepper, Cayenne Pepper

Description: Plants with elliptic, smooth-edged
             leaves.  Flowers are usually white
             with a purple tinge.  Fruit is a
             pod containing many seeds, which
             turn red, orange, or yellow at
             maturity.

Toxic Part:  Fruits

Symptoms:    Ingestion of fruit causes burning
             rash, swollen tissues, intense eye
             irritation, irritation of the lips,
             mouth, throat, stomach.  Ingestion
             may also result in vomiting and
             diarrhea.  Contact with skin may
             cause burning or reddening of skin.
             Smoke from burning plants may cause
             eye irritation.
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Chrysanthemum species

Common Names: Chrysanthemum, Daisy, Feverfew, Marguerite

Description: Showy flowers in almost all colors except blue.

Toxic Part: Leaves and stems.

Symptoms: Skin contact may cause dermatitis.

Colchicum species

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Common Names:  Crocus, Autumn Crocus, Fall Crocus,
               Meadow Saffron, Mysteria,
               Vellorita, Wonder Bulb.

Description: Tubular purple or white flowers
             which emerge from the underground
             bulb.

Toxic Part:  Whole plant is very poisonous.

Symptoms:    Upon ingestion, immediate burning
             pain in mouth and throat with
             intense thirst followed by nausea,
             vomiting, and diarrhea.  Less than
             one flower can be deadly.
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Crocus (see *Colchicum* species)

Daffodil (see *Narcissus* species)

Hyacinth (see *Hyacinthus orientalis*)

Hyacinthus orientalis

Common Names: Garden Hyacinth

Description: Bulbous herbs with long, narrow leaves. Has flowers of white, yellow, red, pink or blue.

Toxic Part: Bulbs

Symptoms: Ingestion causes stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Hydrangea macrophylla

Common Names: Hydrangea, Hills-of-Snow, Hortensia, POPO-HAU, Seven Bark

Description: Large bush of up to 15 feet. Stems and twigs are usually reddish brown. The leaves are 6 inches or longer, dark green above, grayish and fuzzy beneath, and scalloped around the margin. The tiny white flowers are borne in huge clusters. Flowers may also be rose, deep blue or greenish white in color.

Toxic Part: Flower bud is the most poisonous.

Symptoms: Ingestion may cause cyanide poisoning. Some hours may elapse after ingestion before symptoms appear. Abdominal pain, vomiting, lethargy, and sweating may develop.

Iris species

Common Names: Iris, Flags, Fleur-de-Lis

Description: Lily-like with leaves which are long and narrow. Flowers are large with pink, blue, lilac, and purple to white, brown, yellow, orange and almost black flowers.

Toxic Part: Leaves and rootstock.

Symptoms: Burning and severe pain in the intestinal tract; nausea and severe diarrhea. Skin irritation may result from the sap and seeds in some species.

Jonquil (see *Narcissus* species)

Lathyrus species

Common Names: Sweet Pea, Everlasting Peas

Description: Climbing plants with showy flowers, singly or in clusters and are red, pink, white, yellow, blue or purple in color. Fruit is a usually flat legume pod containing several seeds.

Toxic Part: Entire plant, especially the seeds.

Symptoms: Upon ingestion, causes permanent paralysis, slow and weak pulse, shallow breathing, pain, weakness, tremors, excitement, and convulsions.

***Lobelia* species**

Common Names: Cardinal Flower, Indian Tobacco, Asthma Weed, Bladderpod Lobelia, Emetic Weed, Eye Bright, Gag Root, Puke Weed, Wild Tobacco, Blue Cardinal Flower, Great Blue Lobelia.

Description: Flowers are distinctive in having two small petals opposed by three large petals. Flowers may be blue, pink, red, yellow, or white.

Toxic Part: Entire plant.

Symptoms: Poisoning uncommon except when plant extracts are employed in home medicine.

Lycopersicon lycopersicum

Common Names: Tomato

Description: Erect to trailing herb with lobed or toothed leaves. Flowers are yellow. Fruit is smooth and more or less round, usually red.

Toxic Part: Leaves, vines, and sprouts.

Symptoms: Headache, stomach pain, vomiting, diarrhea, subnormal temperature, and circulatory and respiratory depression.

Narcissus species

Common Names: Daffodil, Jonquil, Narcisco, Narcissus, Paciencia.

Description: Grown from a bulb. May be one or more flowers which are usually white or yellow.

Toxic Part: Bulbs (mistaken for onions)

Symptoms: Nausea, vomiting and sometimes diarrhea.

Ornamental Pepper (see *Capsicum* species)

Potato (see *Solanum tuberosum*)

Rheum rhabarbarum

Common Names: Rhubarb, Garden Rhubarb, Pieplant, Wineplant

Description: Thick fleshy stalks with large leaves.

Toxic Part: Leaf blades.

Symptoms: Nausea, violent vomiting, nasal bleeding, stomach pains, headache, backache, weakness, difficulty in breathing, and burning of mouth and throat. Death occurs rapidly if large amounts of leaf blades are eaten.

Rhubarb (see *Rheum rhabarbarum*)

Solanum tuberosum

Common Names: Potato, Irish Potato, White Potato

Description: Upright herbs with edible underground tubers. Leaves are oval and pinnately divided. Flowers are white or bluish and in clusters. Fruits are rounded yellowish or green berries.

Toxic Parts: Green and spoiled potatoes, sprouts, and unripe berries.

Symptoms: Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, stomach pain, cold and clammy skin, dilated pupils, circulatory and respiratory depression, shock, and paralysis.

Tomato (vines) (see *Lycopersicon lycopersicum*)

Tulip (see *Tulipa* species)

Tulipa species

Common Names: Tulip

Description: Most grow to about 2-feet tall. Blooms occur in May and are a characteristic bowl shape.

Toxic Part: Bulbs

Symptoms: Contact Dermatitis. On ingestion, may cause nausea, vomiting, increased salivation and heart palpitations.